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Lester Snow, Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 995814

Dear Lester:

Save San Francisco Bay Association urges CALFED to include San Francisco Bay in the program problem definition phase now online.

Given the fact that there is a Bay-Delta Advisory Board now functioning within the CALFED framework, it seems odd for Save the Bay to make such a request. Yet we must, because CALFED has confined the first phase, defining water issues, exclusively to the Delta. The August workshop on problem definitions confined itself specifically to matters of concern east of the Carquinez Bridge. Not a single problem was specified in San Pablo or San Francisco bays.

CALFED thus has reduced BDAC to DAC during the first phase of the Program. It assures us that bay problems caused by upstream conditions will be dealt with in the second phase -- alternatives/solutions.

I cannot seem to get a handle on this logic. BAY is part of BDAC. BDAC is part of the alternatives process. Therefore, BAY is part of the alternatives process. However, as things stand now, "BAY" is not part of the alternatives process.

CALFED's position becomes even more of an anomaly when compared to its recent report entitled The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Process -- Overview, which states: "During Phase I, the Program will begin with an effort to clearly define the fundamental problems in the BAY- Delta System." Here we have CAL-FED explicitly stating that the bay is part of the process right from the start.

Alas, such is not what has happened. I am concerned that San Francisco Bay's problems flowing from upstream may be stinted.

Sincerely,

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